USA Comments Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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I N F E C T I O U S   M Y O N E C R O S I S

General Comment: The United States supports the changes proposed for this chapter. We are recommending some changes to the wording for clearer understanding. These few changes are shown in "red font" or as a strike-through. One comment is also made.

Article 4.1.9.3.

Commodities

1.   When authorising importation or transit of the following *commodities*, the *Competent Authorities* of the *importing country* should not require any IMN related conditions, regardless of the IMN status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment*.

  a)   For the species referred to in Article 4.1.9.2. for any purpose:

    i)   …

    iv)   ==crustacean meals or by-products made non-infectious by heating or drying (e.g. flame dried or sun dried);==

      Comment: The United States recommends either specifying how this status should be demonstrated, or listing the recommended temp/time parameters, or using the following language: '*…crustacean meals or by-products that have been treated in a manner that ensures inactivation of IMN virus'*

Article 4.1.9.4.

Infectious myonecrosis free country

A country may make a *self-declaration of freedom* from IMN if it meets the conditions in points 1, 2, 3 or 4 below.

    …

OR

4.   A country that has previously made a *self-declaration of freedom* from IMN but in which the *disease* is subsequently detected may ~~not~~ make a *self-declaration of freedom* from IMN again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:

  a)   …

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Infectious myonecrosis free zone or free compartment

A *zone* or *compartment* within the *territory* of one or more countries not declared free from IMN may be declared free by the *Competent Authority(ies)* of the country(ies) concerned if the *zone* or *compartment* meets the conditions referred to in points 1, 2, 3 or 4 below.

> …

OR

4. A *zone* previously declared free from IMN but in which the *disease* is detected may ~~not~~ be declared free from IMN again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:

a) …